journey, one more mind-broadening and barrier-breaking-down enterprise, remarking that what he sought was 'that most elusive of all forms of happiness—rest', the unusual lucidity of this desire suggesting that it was truly experienced. He died at sea, and was brought home on a cruiser with a Union Jack over his remains, a curious and not unfitting end to a curious life.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald's case proved, if anything, more difficult to handle than his father's. Various constituencies were approached without success, until the bestowal of a peerage left a vacancy at Ross, a scattered Highlands constituency, whose reputedly independent-minded electorate, like the graduates of Combined Scottish Universities, displayed a certain restlessness at being presented with a candidate defeated elsewhere and with whom they had no evident connection. This restlessness also was somehow soothed into quiescence, and though he was opposed by an Independent Conservative, Mr. MacDonald was soon safe and sound in the House of Commons again, before long almost the sole remainder, and certainly the most eminent specimen, of National Labour there.

Of the three, Snowden, MacDonald and Mr. Thomas, who had earned the gratitude and admiration of their fellow-country-men by promoting, and then entering, a National Government, Mr. Thomas looked like proving the hardest to dislodge from it. He was not obstinate like Snowden, or subject to ill-health like MacDonald; free trade meant little to him, Derby continued to elect him, and, as he remarked when he spoke against the

taxation of Co-operative Societies and voted for it, he was accustomed to play for his side. It seemed probable that he would be long at the Dominions Office, and if removed thence, have to be accommodated elsewhere.

In 1936, however, unforeseen circumstances necessitated even his retirement from office and from Parliament. After the presentation of that year's Budget, rumours were prevalent that an exceptionally large amount of insurance had been placed with Lloyd's against a rise of sd. on the income tax and an increased